

RESOLUTION NO. 15-02

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that January 19, 2015 will be celebrated locally and throughout the United States in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The 30th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Unity Breakfast, sponsored by Delta Theta Lambda Education Foundation of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., in Huntsville will be held at 8:00 a.m. in the North Hall of the Von Braun Center; and,

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr., was born in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1929. He graduated from Morehouse College, attended Crozer Theological Seminary and Boston University. He was the son of the pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, and was ordained as a minister of a Baptist church in Montgomery, Alabama in 1954. His philosophy of nonviolent resistance was the manner in which he initiated and spearheaded numerous civil-rights activities. He led the August 1963 March on Washington which brought together more than 200,000 people. In 1964, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Huntsville wishes to make welcome Brother Mark Stewart Tillman, the 34th elected General President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity who took office on January 1, 2013. He has dedicated over two decades of service to making Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity a leader in the eyes of its leadership and the community it serves; and,

WHEREAS, he offers leadership that encompasses integrity, humility, commitment, motivation, versatility, accountability and dedication as he endeavors to maintain Alpha's brand. Brother Tillman was initiated on November 22, 1985, at Beta Phi Chapter located on the campus of Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana. He is a native of New Orleans and earned his bachelor's degree in computer science at Dillard University in 1988; and,

WHEREAS, Brother Tillman learned the value of being a brother in "good standing" early from mentors who were instrumental in his initiation and development. He focused on supporting chapters so they can focus on promoting the mission of Alpha Phi Alpha; and,

WHEREAS, Brother Tillman has over 20 years of membership in Gamma Lambda Chapter in Detroit, Michigan. He continually serves his chapter as a tireless contributor to its programs, service projects and brotherhood activities. He has represented his chapter as a delegate to conventions, at every level, and has been a chapter officer in six chapter administrations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, recognize and express our appreciation to the Delta Theta Lambda Education Foundation of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., for hosting the 30th Annual

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Unity Breakfast. May all future endeavors continue to reflect those attributes for which Dr. King is remembered by promoting racial harmony, social freedom, justice, professional assistance and service to humanity.

ADOPTED this the 8th day of January, 2015.

President of the City Council of the
City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 8th day of January, 2015.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama